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## **MANGANO MAKES PITCH FOR DONATIONS TO NASSAU'S HURRICANE FUND**

Mineola, NY – Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano will be tossing out the first pitch on July 22, at MCU Park in Brooklyn when the Brooklyn Cyclones take on Batavia for the benefit of the Nassau Hurricane Recovery Fund (NHRF).

As part of Meaningful Mondays at MCU Park, the Brooklyn Cyclones, Class-A affiliate of the New York Mets, will donate \$3 of each individual ticket purchased for the team's six home games to a community that has been impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Proceeds from raffles held at the park during the games and the sale of tee-shirts will also benefit local charities.

"The generosity of the Brooklyn Cyclones in assisting Nassau County with its recovery efforts is a reminder of how important it is for neighbor to help neighbor," said County Executive Mangano. "I am honored to be a part of their Meaningful Mondays initiative and thank them for their efforts on our behalf."

During each game of the 2013 season, the team will honor "Hometown Heroes" who went above and beyond to assist their communities and neighbors during and after the storm. "Hometown Heroes" can be nominated for their efforts after the storm and on Meaningful Mondays, the team will highlight those who made a difference in a specific community.

County Executive Mangano reminds Nassau residents that there are additional opportunities to participate in raising funds for the NHRF. For \$300, businesses can set up a table on the main concourse at MCU Park where they can meet and greet fans and potential customers that can be instrumental to helping them get back on their feet. Each table purchased comes with 10 tickets to that evening's game.

The Bleacher Buyout for \$7,500 entitles the purchaser to 1,500 bleacher tickets to distribute as they see fit. They can be provided to customers, friends, or neighbors as a thank you to the local heroes who helped during the storm. The price includes the use of one 18-person luxury suite for the night. Arrangements to extend an invitation to residents from affected communities can be arranged, free of charge, by MCU Park management.

In addition, spreading the word throughout the community can be helpful in making the event a success. Posters, advertising the event, are available for business owners to display in storefronts as a way to increase attendance and ultimately the funds raised from ticket sales.

For additional information, visit [BrooklynCyclones.com](http://BrooklynCyclones.com) or call 718-382-2600.